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INDICTED FOR DESERTING CHILD.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF CHILD DESERTION ACT
TO BE TESTED BEFORE SUPREME COURT.
INDICTMENT QUASHED.

Under the acts of 1915, which provides that it shall be unlawful and a crime for a man to willfully and maliciously desert or abandon his wife or children, recently two indictments were brought into circuit court by the grand jury, one against Wm. Adams and one against Claud Dodson, for desertion of children. The case of Wm. Adams came on for hearing last Friday and motion was made to quash the indictment upon the grounds that the act is unconstitutional. The defendant was represented by Hon. T. K. Reynolds, L. E. Holladay and R. E. Maiden, while the state was represented by the attorney general and Senator Elkins. Judge Jones, after argument of counsel, ruled that the motion to quash the indictment was good and thus quashed the said indictment, to which action the state has appealed to the present term of the supreme court, the case going directly to the supreme court because a constitutional question is involved.

The special grounds upon which this law is attacked are:

That it is unconstitutional because violative of that part of the constitution of the United States which provides, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

That it is void and unconstitutional because violative of that article and section of the constitution of Tennessee which guarantees among other things, "trial by an impartial jury of the county in which the crime shall have been committed."

That it violates the constitution of the state of Tennessee because it is arbitrary and capricious class legislation.

That it violates the constitution of the state, wherein it is ordained "that no man shall be taken or disseized of his freehold, liberty privileges, or outlawed or in any manner destroyed or deprived of life, liberty or property, but by the judgment of his peers or by the law of the land."

The case against Claude Dodson is on a similar charge, and is continued pending the result of the Adams case on the matter of testing the constitutionality of the law of Tennessee making such desertion a crime.

Tobacco is Being Sold Second Time.

The prevailing high price of tobacco is proving too strong a temptation for some of those who sold early when the price was down by reason of there being no shipping facilities to foreign countries, and a number of those who signed up contracts for the sale of their tobacco have been hauling the weed to Mayfield and selling there. Already several suits have been instituted against those who have thus violated their contracts, and the buyers claim they will bring an action against all those who sell tobacco already sold.

One grower, Will Dunn, near Dukedom, told us some days ago that he lost about one hundred dollars by selling early, but that he was going to take his medicine and next year not sell so early.

BREAK WITH BERLIN SEEMS IMMINENT.

Illegal Submarine Warfare Must Cease or U. S. Will Break off Diplomatic Relations With Germany.

Washington, April 19.—"I have deemed it my duty, therefore," the President told congress, "to say to the imperial German government that if it is still its purpose to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare . . . the government of the United States is at last forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue; and that unless the imperial German government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels, this government can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations altogether."

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson told congress, assembled in joint session shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon, that he has given Germany a final, irrevocable notification that the United States will break off diplomatic relations if Germany's illegal submarine campaign is continued.

A note, America's last word, practically an ultimatum, and demanding an immediate reply, presumably was in the Berlin foreign office as the president was speaking.

It was dispatched last night, in accordance with the president's plan to have it before the German government at the same moment he was addressing the American congress.

The president asked no action whatever of congress.

He simply informed it of the accumulation of facts proving that Germany's assurances to the United States are being violated; that the submarine campaign, despite the earnest protests of the United States conducted with renewed vigor, in contavention of all the laws of nation and humanity, and that he means to sever relations unless it is brought within the law.

Diplomatic history of the world shows that such a course is almost certain to be followed by war.

The president's note and his address to congress are final.

They mark the end of diplomatic exchange.

Free Ticket to See Charey Chaplin.

Desiring to co-operate with the clean-up movement in Dresden, Lester offers a free ticket to every child bringing in tin cans, all tied together, to the Kozy on Friday night, April 29. See the announcement in another column.

If all the citizens and business men of Dresden would demonstrate the same degree of interest for a clean, pretty attractive town it would be but a short time until Dresden's appearance would undergo a wonderful change.

The ladies of the Civic League have made an effort to interest the citizens of the town, especially the business men in a clean-up movement for Dresden, but have met with little encouragement, and were they physically strong enough they themselves would take the matter in hand, going in the alleys and back of the business houses, cleaning up those unsightly, disgraceful heaps and piles of rubbish.

Automobile Owners, Attention!

Every Automobile Owner is urgently requested to attend a meeting of Automobile Owners, to be held in Dresden, at the courthouse, tomorrow, (Saturday) April 22, at 2:30, for the purpose of perfecting an Automobile Owners' Association. Use your telephone and urge every owner of a car to attend this meeting.

Fifty-Dollar Fine; 90 Days and Costs.

Peter Gardner, operator of the negro joint north of the square, who was convicted during the past week of selling liquor, was on last Monday sentenced by his honor, Judge Jones, to pay a fine of \$50 and the costs, and to make the matter still more impressive on Peter the liberal judge gave him a jail sentence of ninety days. Judge Jones would, doubtless, have been much more liberal in this latter matter, but the law does not permit alonger sojourn with Sheriff LaFon for such offenses, hence the judge was powerless to prolong Peter's tenure at LaFon's boarding place.

Peter has been operating a disorderly place in Dresden for some time, and our good sheriff has used every endeavor at his command to break up the place, which had become a nuisance, but met with obstacles all along, until recently he drove the nail in, clinching it on the other side.

There is much bootlegging of liquor going on in Dresden—half a dozen worthless, lazy niggers being engaged here in that nefarious occupation. But it has got to stop. The citizens of this town, and our good sheriff and his good deputies are not going to tolerate it longer. Besides the negroes, there are others who are selling liquor here; and still others who are aiding and abetting in the sale of liquor in Dresden. A hint to the wise, etc.

For Rent.

About Fifty acres of land, good residence and stock barn, two miles east of McConnell. Call on or write I. L. Banks or King Webb, Dresden, Tenn.

Everett Clark's Fine Automobile Burned.

While going home on last Monday from Greenfield, the Overland automobile of Everett Clark, residing near Dukedom, caught fire while crossing the Latham levee and was almost a total loss, three wheels being burned to the ground, spokes and all.

The first Everett knew of the car being on fire was when a blaze shot up through the foot boards in front under his feet, or to the right. He rolled out over the windshield, which was down, and begun getting what he could out of the back of the car, but lost a good suit of clothes under the back seat.

The fire is supposed to have started from leaking gasoline, as there is no wiring on that part of the car that could possibly cause fire to start. The wrecked car was loaded on a wagon and carried to Fulton by the insurance agent carrying the policy of \$600 on it. Of course Everett will purchase another car at once.

The Avenging Conscience

"The Avenging Conscience," which comes to the Kozy, Friday, May 5, may be described as a mystery story, but not in the ordinary sense of the word. It is the sort of mystery conceived by the weird imaginative genius of Edgar Allen Poe and then transplanted to the screen by the wonderful, vivid and artistic methods of D. W. Griffith, the man who made "The Birth of a Nation."

"The Avenging Conscience" had its first presentation in New York at the Strand theatre, where it broke all records. It is in six reels.

DIVORCED AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS

Bonds of Matrimony Existing Between J. M. Edwards and Rebecca Edwards Dissolved by Judge Jones.

In the case of Rebecca J. Edwards vs. J. M. Edwards, for divorce, the case was finally disposed of Monday in circuit court. It appears from the record that, after eighteen years of married life, these parties sought the aid of the court to settle their differences of opinion, and that the complainant, Mrs. Edwards, sought an absolute divorce upon the grounds of wilful and malicious desertion, abandonment, her being turned out of doors unprovided for and that she had been subjected to cruel and inhuman treatment, on which grounds the court granted absolute divorce as prayed for in the bill. Also a respectable alimony was allowed her by the court, out of the property of defendant, J. M. Edwards, and it appears that the main contest of the case came over the matter of property.

It appears in the records of the case that Mr. Edwards owned two tracts of land in the Twelfth district, containing about 160 acres, of which seventy acres is decreed to Mrs. Edwards as alimony, during her natural life, and then remainder in fee simple to the children of complainant and defendant, as equal tenants in common, and Mrs. Edwards was also given household goods, stock, farming implements, corn, barns and wheat, or flour, pork or bacon, etc.

Also as part of the alimony it was decreed that defendant pay the attorneys' fees of Elkins & Webb and Lewis & Garrett.

Sentenced For Stealing Overcoat

Shortly after Christmas, last winter, a young man by the name of Wm. Burke, of Memphis, appeared in Martin as an agent soliciting orders for enlarging pictures, and, in his rounds, called at the home of W. E. Travis, which occurred when Mr. Travis was not at home, however, the young man talked to Mrs. Travis. Sometime after he had gone, Mrs. Travis discovered that an overcoat was missing, whereupon it occurred to her that this gentleman had gotten the coat, which was located and identified the next day by Mr. Travis, it having been found in the young man's suit case. Warrant was obtained by Mr. Travis at once, arrest was made and preliminary or committing trial was had before Squire Elliott, and later an indictment was returned by the grand jury, and the case came on for trial Wednesday before a jury in circuit court, when Burke was convicted and his punishment fixed at from one to five years in the pen, with a recommendation from the jury for one year's confinement therein at hard labor.

Homer Buckley Fined \$300.

In the case of the state against Homer Buckley, on charge of felonious assault upon Charley Mayo, as a result of a difficulty between Mayo and Buckley last September, the jury returned a verdict, Friday, in which the finding of the jury is that the defendant is guilty merely of assault and battery and that his fine be fixed at \$300. Motion has been made for a new trial, which has not been argued.

WEAKLEY COUNTY I. O. O. F. ASS'N.

Annual Celebration to be Held in Dresden Wednesday. Degree Work by Rebekahs and Odd Fellows.

A large delegation of Odd Fellows is expected to be in Dresden on next Wednesday. They will be guests of the town and should be so treated. An obligation rests upon every citizen of this town to assist in entertaining the ladies and gentlemen, and the Enterprise trusts that some special preparations will be made. Many will be here for dinner, and there should be plenty of dinner for all who are here.

The meeting on next Wednesday of the Weakley County Odd Fellows association promises to be the best in the history of the organization. Already Odd Fellows throughout the county, and their families, are planning to attend this gathering, and, the weather being favorable, a big crowd will assemble here on that day.

Grand Secretary J. R. Harwell will be present and deliver one of his impressive addresses, and Past Grand Master Bob Fletcher has accepted an invitation to meet with his Weakley county brothers. Besides these, degree work will be done both by the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows, the former in the afternoon and the latter at night.

The program committee has handed us the following program for publication:

10 A. M.—Invocation—J. W. Insko.
10:15—Welcome Address—Hon. A. G. Thomson.
10:45—Address—Rev. Eph P. Smith.
11:20—Rebekah Address—Mrs. Hynds.
1:00—Address—Grand Secretary J. R. Harwell.
2:00—Address—Mrs. Sarah Smith.

Immediately after the last number on the program all delegates are requested to assemble at the hall and elect officers for the next term, select the next meeting place and determine upon the degree to be worked in at the next annual meeting. All lodges are urged to elect delegates for this purpose.

Mr. Geo. P. Hurt, Martin, is treasurer, and all the lodges are requested to send him the association dues of five cents per capita. Don't omit this.

The subordinate lodge will work in the First degree at night, awarding a handsome banner to the team doing the best work.

All Odd Fellows in the immediate vicinity of Dresden are urged to prepare well filled baskets. The public is invited to the speaking.

Mrs. Hudkins Gets Verdict for \$700.

In the case of Mrs. Martha Hudkins, of Martin, against the city of Martin, for damages, tried at the present term of court, a verdict was returned Monday in favor of the plaintiff for \$700 as damages.

This suit was brought by Mrs. Hudkins against the city of Martin because of injuries she sustained about a year ago as a result of having fallen on the sidewalk and sustained a broken arm. It was insisted by plaintiff that the sidewalk was defective, for which the city of Martin was liable, and the jury, after hearing all the evidence, sustained this theory of the case by the above verdict.

The plaintiff was represented by Mr. T. H. Meeks and the city of Martin by J. W. Rankin and A. B. Adams.



Tige Says:

Read what Esq. W. L. McCaleb says in this issue of the ENTERPRISE in the livestock column concerning our TONG-LOK SILO.

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